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Washington, DC

Washington is an exciting place to visit, with interesting sites to see. On this section of my website, you'

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To request a tour you can call my Washington office at 202-225-2365 or submit a online form below.

THE U.S. CAPITOL

The Capitol is home to the U.S. Congress and its two legislative bodies, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The new Capitol Visitors Center significantly enhances your visit to our nation's Capitol. If you are planning a visit, please read the information below.

LOCATION AND HOURS

The Capitol Visitor Center, the new main entrance to the U.S. Capitol, is located below the East Plaza of the U.S. Capitol.

GUIDED TOURS OF THE CAPITOL

Guided tours of the Capitol begin at the Orientation Theaters on the lower level of the Capitol Visitor Center.

WATCHING CONGRESS IN SESSION

Hours: The House Gallery is open to visitors. The House Gallery is open 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Passes: Passes are required to enter the gallery at any time. Visitors may obtain gallery passes at the Capitol Visitor Center.

VISITOR TIPS All areas of the Visitor Center are smoke free. Strollers and Baby Changing: Strollers are permitted in the Visitor Center.

Languages: Visitors may request listening devices for foreign-language versions of the films and the exhibits.

Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors may request wheelchairs from Capitol Visitor Center staff wearing red vests.

Service Animals: Service animals are allowed in the Visitor Center and the Capitol.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Before entering the Capitol Visitor Center, all visitors are screened by a magnetometer and all items that are prohibited are removed.

The following items are strictly prohibited:

Any bag larger than 14" wide x 13" high x 4" deep Aerosol containers

Any pointed object (i.e., knitting needles, letter openers, etc. Note: pens and pencils are permitted.)

Cans and bottles

Electric stun guns, martial arts weapons or devices

Food or beverages of any kind

Guns, replica guns, ammunition, and fireworks Knives of any size Mace and pepper spray Non-aerosol sprays

Razors and box cutters

The following are allowed in the Capitol Visitor Center and the Capitol, but not in the Senate and House Chambers:

Battery-operated electronic devices (Medical devices are permitted.)

Cameras

Creams, lotions, or perfumes

Strollers

Video recorders or any type of recording device

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